

# S M A L L      G R O P      Q U E S T I O N S

**Matthew Master Quiz**  
**May 21-22, 2005**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Leadership Development: Sunday, May 29, 1 – 3 PM** in the Sanctuary. New Small Group Training information as well as *Biblical Guidance* and *How to Grow Your Group* breakout sessions. Lunch will be served at 1 PM. R.S.V.P. by May 23 by email to: [melissak@therocksandiego.org](mailto:melissak@therocksandiego.org)

**Where is the USA in Scripture?** Join Pastor Dan for a four week series on Hosea. Class begins on Monday, May 29 in the Sanctuary. For more information, or to register, visit [www.therockuniversity.org](http://www.therockuniversity.org).

**Be Jesus' Hands and Feet: June 4-5 & 11-12** The Rock will be collecting gently used clothing, non-perishable food, and cold medicines to be distributed to the SHARE Ministry and the San Diego Rescue Mission.

**Men of the Rock:** Join us for an overnight fishing trip in Mexico **June 10-11**. \$199 (includes permit). Just a few more spots are available! For more information, or to sign up, contact Aric Curtis at 619.207.7628 or [aric.curtis@dhs.gov](mailto:aric.curtis@dhs.gov).

**Married Couples of the Rock:** Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Married Couples Retreat is coming **July 15 – 17**. What unsaved couple will you invite to join us at La Quinta Resort and Spa? Stop by the Small Group table for more information or register online at: [www.therocksandiego.org](http://www.therocksandiego.org).

**Women of the Rock:** What's Your Identity in Christ? Join us for a weekend with Nancy Stafford **August 12-14** at the Calvary Chapel Conference Center in Temecula. Registration forms available online at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/ministries/womens/>.

**Tijuana House Building:** Your group can come together and build a simple shelter for a family in Mexico. Put some action to your faith and plan to join us during any of the following dates: **September 10, October 29, December 3, or January 28**. For more information, contact Ed Crenshaw at 858.571.3427 or [tjhousebuilding@therocksandiego.org](mailto:tjhousebuilding@therocksandiego.org).

**Memory Verse:** "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word."  
Psalm 119:9

### **Review**

How did you do on the quiz? Go around the room and share how you did on the quiz, and review any sections if needed.

### **Discuss**

Since we just concluded the book of Matthew and are recovering from the quiz, we want to take advantage of this opportunity to spend this week growing community in our groups. Go around the room and answer the following:

1. What are you most passionate about? Why?
2. What is one thing you have to praise God for?
3. Share a prayer request (spend time praying for one another)

Discuss our purpose statement: *Small Groups exist to create and cultivate communities that engage in biblical learning, foster accountability relationships, and carry out lifestyles of evangelism and service.*

4. What is your group doing to actively live our purpose statement?

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## Lord of the Things

1. Mission Statement: The Rock Church exists to save, equip, and send out soul-winners for Jesus Christ.
2. Vision: A picture of your preferred future. *Matthew 28:19-20*
3. Vision Statement: The vision of the Rock Church is to be a powerful evangelistic force that engages every segment of society as a motivated ARMY of believers in Jesus Christ. We are wholeheartedly committed to using our gifts anywhere, at anytime to share the Gospel, while influencing and transforming our culture. This "force" will evangelize San Diego and empower other churches to use this ministry model around the world.
4. *Lord of the Things*: A series on personal stewardship and a guide to the biblical management of the resources with which God has blessed you.
5. Lordship: The practice of complete submission to Jesus as owner and controller of all things pertaining to your life. Partial obedience is the same as my complete disobedience
6. True lordship requires us to completely let go and hand over control of our lives to the Lord
7. Our Lord places a high value on His expectation for high profit.
8. Fasting is an act of self-denial for a specific purpose and period of time.
9. Why fast? To secure access to supernatural resources. *Mark 9:29*
10. Why food? What gives you an "attitude" if withheld from you? *Matthew 6:33*
11. Never complain or brag about your fast.

## Salvation ARMY

- A** Be involved in an Accountability relationship. We need someone to help us resist the temptation to bow to the pressures of the world.
- R** Be committed to Reaching out to the lost by living an evangelistic lifestyle.
  - When Jesus called Matthew, he was making a living as a tax collector. He said, follow Me and Matthew got up immediately and followed Him.
  - Matthew hosted a Matthew party called a MARTY.
  - Jesus said, "For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." *Matthew 9:13*
  - Matthew uses over 120 Old Testament verses to confirm that Jesus is the Messiah.
- M** Be involved in Ministry and service. Ministry to the least of these is about loving people who cannot pay you back, and serving without any expectation of receiving recognition for it.
- Y** Trust God with the management of 'Yo' Money. Our biblical financial commitment to the church is called a tithe. A tithe is 10% of your income, and an offering is anything over and above that.

## Who is Jesus Really?

1. Uniqueness of the Bible: 66 books, 39 OT and 27 NT books, all written over 1500 years by over 40 authors in 3 different continents about 100's of topics.
2. A document is considered ancient if written before the invention of the printing press, in the mid-1400s. An ancient document is considered reliable if there are seven copies within 1000 years of the original.
3. The Bible has more manuscript evidence than all the other ancient documents combined.
4. If the Bible is God's Word it must be historically and scientifically accurate and most of all, spiritually effective to change your life.
5. Gospel means good news, which is that Jesus died to save sinners.
6. Synoptic means "seen together". These three Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, have over 50% of the same information.
7. The accuracy of the Gospels is not dependent on the intelligence or education of the writers but their submission to the Holy Spirit.
8. We know the disciples intended to write accurate history because they walked away from all they had to follow Him, taught controversial topics, had their lives transformed and died for what they believed.
9. Theophany means an appearance of Jesus before man in the OT.
10. One of the titles for Jesus in the OT is "Angel of the Lord".
11. Jesus expressed His Divine name, "I AM", or Yahweh, while speaking from the fire of the burning bush.
12. Trinity: A word expressing the three-member team or Godhead we call God.
13. Each member has a distinct purpose and role:
  - Father: As the Almighty One, He establishes the plan of salvation.
  - Son: As the Mediator, He executes the plan's contract in blood.
  - Holy Spirit: As the Helper, He implements the plan, sealing it with His presence.
14. The ways we learned that Jesus claimed His own deity were:
  - He accepted worship and displayed supernatural power through miracles.
  - He claimed to have authority over things in heaven and gave Himself titles that belong to God.
  - He demonstrated, in His teaching, authority over the OT Law by saying, "But I say unto you..."
  - He made after-life promises and exercised God's authority by doing things such as forgiving sins.
15. Jesus' critics did more to validate His claims than disprove them. They confirmed His claim to be God by accusing Him of blasphemy.
16. Blasphemy means to speak evil of someone or attribute the Divine attributes of God to man.
17. They confirmed His claims to rise from the dead by guarding the tomb.
18. Satan and the demons were once angels who were cast out of heaven because of pride.
19. Satan and the demons confessed that Jesus was the Christ, the Holy One, and that they were to be sent to judgment by Jesus.